

**Developmental Disabilities Council
Membership Committee
Courtyard Marriott
Federal Way, Washington
November 17, 2005**

PRESENT: Vickie Foster (Chair) Mike Hatch, Diana McMaster, Alphonso Lee, Laethan Wene, Erin Platts, Adrian Patayon, Shawn Latham, John Lemus

Staff: Cathy Townley

Call to order/agenda/approval of minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Attendance Policy:

Diana gave an overview of what was talked about at the last meeting and the changes Larry suggested making to the policy. She also noted that this policy also covers Agency Representatives. The “one year” span will cover from September – September of each year. Mike moved to accept the policy as written, Laethan seconded the motion. The policy will now go to the Governance Committee for approval at the next meeting.

Social Time:

The subject of having a “social time” for folks was brought up. It was suggested that before a meeting is over for the day, an announcement be made that those who would like to go out for dinner meet in the lobby of the hotel. It was also suggested that there be a sign up sheet with suggested places to eat. Adrian offered to be responsible

for creating the sign up sheet. John suggested that we do a “mix it up” session which is an ice breaker for the beginning of the meetings. Laethan noted that Vickie should have an official gavel. Cathy will look into that.

Mentor Program:

Alphonso stated that he received some names from Cathy who would be mentors. So far, Lori Flood is mentoring Leandro Razo and Vickie is mentoring Shawn Latham. Alphonso and Erin will contact the rest of the new council members about whether they would like to have a mentor or not and will report back to Cathy.

May Development Day

Ed joined the committee to discuss the meeting location of Development Day. He stated that because of the cost of gas and the driving distance to Skamania that it may not be an ideal location to host Development Day. The Committee will do some research and report back to Ed.

Alphonso gave a review of past Development Days and explained that it must be an “educational day”. Some of the topics that the Committee suggested were

- How to Manage Change
- Media Training
- Assistive Technology

The committee felt that all of these topics could be covered if they were done in sessions such as a morning session on one topic and afternoon sessions on the other two topics. Shawn will contact Mark Russell about the assistive technology, Cathy will contact Alicia about the Media Training, and find out who would be able to do the

training on Change. This will be finalized at the January meeting.

Council Size

Ed did a presentation on what the Council might look like if it were to be downsized. He gave the 4 required components needed in order to accomplish this task.

Ratio between:

1. Self-advocates and family members
2. Self-advocates and agency members
3. Geographical balance
4. Ethnic balance

The committee will come up with a proposal that will go to the Governance Committee and if approved, on to the full Council for a vote. This will be discussed at the January Committee meeting.

January Agenda Items:

Development Day
Mentor Program
Downsizing Council

With that the meeting was adjourned.